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Prepare for Heavy Rainfall; Flood Watch in Effect

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **hydrologic outlook** for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. A developing monsoon trough combined with a weak tropical disturbance is likely to bring locally heavy rain to the Marianas at times this week.

NWS advised latest model guidance indicates that rainfall through Friday may exceed 6 inches or more at one or more of the islands. The situation is favorable for locally heavy rainfall capable of producing flash flooding across the Marianas.

A **flood watch** is in effect for Guam and Rota through late Tuesday night. Flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible. Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone areas.

Higher rainfalls starting tonight, with amounts between 3 and 5 inches, with locally heavier amounts in excess of 4 to 6 inches, are possible through late Tuesday night.

Those living in flood-prone areas should prepare now; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize flooding and watch for any additional advisories. Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>

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